

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING WITH THE LABOR AND COMMERCE  
COMMITTEES

February 26, 2008

9:00 a.m.

352 Capitol Building

The Chair called the Labor Committee to order.

Present were: Reps. Miller, Meadows, Bieda, Constan, Hopgood, Lindberg, Wenke, LaJoy, Steil, Rick Jones,

Absent and excused was Rep. Farrah.

The Chair called the Commerce Committee to order.

Present were: Rep. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltrown, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer,

Absent and excused were Reps. Accavitti, Stakoe.

Rep. LaJoy moved to excuse the member that was absent from the Labor Committee. The motion prevailed.

Rep. Lindberg moved to approve the minutes of the Labor Committee from November 27, 2007. The motion prevailed.

Rep. Byrum moved to approve the minutes of the Commerce Committee from February 19, 2008. The motion prevailed.

Rep. Griffin moved to excuse the members that were absent from the Commerce Committee. The motion prevailed.

Chair Miller laid before the Committees a package of bills entitled "Hire Michigan First".

HB 5780	Miller	State financing and management; funds; strategic fund; modify eligibility requirements.
HB 5781	Meisner	Economic development; brownfield redevelopment authority; eligibility requirements; modify.
HB 5782	Meadows	State financing and management; purchasing; hiring requirement; modify.

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HB 5783	Ebli	Labor; fair employment practices; requirement for prevailing wage compliance and for legal workers to perform labor on state contracts; establish.
HB 5784	Dean	State financing and management; purchasing; reporting requirements; provide for.
HB 5785	Simpson	Economic development; renaissance zones; eligibility requirements; modify.
HB 5786	Brown	Economic development; Michigan economic growth authority; eligibility requirements; modify.
HB 5787	Corriveau	Business tax; other; historic preservation tax credit preferences and penalties under certain circumstances; provide for.
HB 5788	LeBlanc	Economic development; obsolete property and rehabilitation; obsolete property rehabilitation act; modify eligibility requirements.
HB 5789	Constan	Economic development; other; industrial development revenue bond act; modify eligibility requirements.
HB 5790	Scott	Economic development; plant rehabilitation; eligibility requirements; modify.
HB 5791	Donigan	Economic development; other; transportation economic development fund; modify eligibility requirement.

HB 5780 through HB 5784 were referred to the Labor Committee

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Chair Miller made comments concerning the package of bills

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The following people testified in support of HB 5780 - HB 5791.

Mark Bott from the Michigan Pipe Trades Association

Michael Moran from IBEW Local 58  
Mike Fikes from the Michigan Laborers' District Council  
Mike Crawford from the Michigan Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association

The following person testified in opposition to HB 5783 and certain sections of HB 5782.

Chris Fisher representing Associated Builders & Contractors

The following people filled out testimony cards in support of HB 5780 - HB 5791 and did want to testify but there was insufficient time.

Patrick Gleason from the Michigan Building, Construction Trades  
Earl Van Riper from the IVOE Local 324  
Todd Tennis representing 113EW Michigan Conference  
William Borch Jr. from the Iron Workers Local 25

The following person filled out a testimony card in support of HB 5780 - HB 5791 in concept but with concerns about immigration and did not want to testify.

Cynthia Paul representing the Service Employees International Union

The following people filled out testimony cards in opposition to HB 5780 - HB 5791 but did not want to testify.

Wendy Block representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce  
Amanda Radar representing the National Federation of Independent Business

The following person filled out a testimony card in opposition to HB 5791 but did not want to testify.

Kim Rhead representing the Road Commission for Oakland County

Questions and discussion followed.

With no further business to come before the Labor Committee, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting the time being, 10:55 a.m.

Mary Lou Terrien, Clerk

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Representative Fred Miller, Chair